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OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

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STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 293

SUBJECT: Post-Mortem on NIE-21/1: "Austrian Security Capabilities
Following Withdrawal of Occupation Forces "

It is recommended that the following communication be sent to
the IAC Agencies:

"1. Background. NIE-21/1 originated in a request from the
Office of the Secretary of Defense to the DCI for intelligence on
Austria's security capabilities in the event of four-power troop
withdrawal. An O/NE estimate was forwarded to the Secretary in a
memorandum dated 12 November 1952. The Board recommended and the
IAC agreed that this memorandum should be coordinated and issued as
NIE-21/1. Meetings were held with the IAC representatives on 13 and
18 November. The estimate was approved by the IAC on 1 December.

"2. Intelligence Gaps. No serious intelligence gaps were
encountered in the estimate. It would be desirable to have firmer
evidence on several points, particularly on Communist (Werkschutz)

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para-military capabilities and on probable Austrian Government intentions with respect to expansion of the Special Gendarmerie and the control of Soviet-owned properties following four-power withdrawal. However, such data will probably be forthcoming in time through normal intelligence channels, and we do not believe that any special collection effort is required.

"3. Recommendation: That no post-mortem is necessary on NIE-21/1."



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